

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY’S APPLICATION
FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF AN ENERGY SALES
AGREEMENT WITH CRYSTAL SPRINGS HYDROELECTRIC, L.P.,
FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM THE
CRYSTAL SPRINGS HYDRO PROJECT; CASE NO. IPC-E-21-01**

On January 22, 2021, Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power”) filed an Application requesting consideration of an Energy Sales Agreement (“ESA” or “Agreement”) with Crystal Springs Hydroelectric, L.P. for energy generated by the Crystal Springs Hydro Project (“Facility”). Application at 1. The Facility is a 2,775-kilowatt nameplate capacity hydro facility near Buhl, Idaho. *Id.* at 4. The Facility is a qualifying facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. *Id.* The Facility has a scheduled First Energy Date under the ESA of April 1, 2021. *Id.* at 6.

THE APPLICATION

The Facility has been delivering energy to Idaho Power in accordance with an energy sales agreement dated March 31, 1984, which expires March 31, 2021. *Id.* at 5. Idaho Power states that the Agreement contains published non-seasonal, non-levelized avoided cost rates for a 20-year term. *Id.* at 4. Idaho Power requests the Commission declare all payments for purchase of energy under the ESA be allowed as prudently incurred expenses for ratemaking purposes. *Id.* at 7.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a 21-day comment deadline and a 7-day reply comment deadline.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, setting a 21-day comment deadline and a 7-day reply comment deadline?



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